

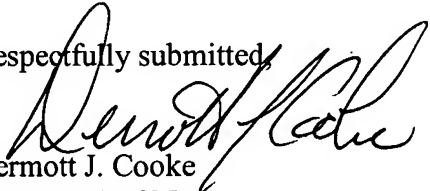
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are allowed in accordance with the Notice of Allowance mailed January 18, 2006. Claims 15-23 are cancelled. Claim 1 is currently amended to reinsert the word "the" in claim 1, line 5, which was inadvertently deleted by the Amendment filed December 27, 2005. As presented herein, the claims include those changes made by the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance. No other changes are made and no new matter is submitted. Accordingly, entry and consideration of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 2 and 4-14 as presented herein remain allowable. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance of the application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth herein is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that anything further is desirable to expedite the issuance of the Supplemental Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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